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4 March 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Tel Aviv Bureau--February 1982

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

The attention of the Hebrew Section during the month was again focused on U.S.-Israeli relations. A visit to Jordan by Defense Secretary Weinberger, during which he reportedly offered to sell F-16 fighters and mobile Hawk missiles to Jordan, resulted in a spate of comment and allegations that the United States was reappraising its Middle East policy. On 12 February the bureau filed 30,040 words, the highest daily total in 2 years, mostly concerning reaction to the Weinberger visit.

Weinberger's reported statements continued to be a hot topic into the following week when Prime Minister Begin and opposition leader Shim'on Peres delivered speeches in the Knesset saying that the sale of advanced weapons to Jordan would heighten tension in the area. The Knesset passed a resolution "expressing concern" over Weinberger's statements. The bureau's translation of the resolution from Jerusalem radio was used by the embassy political section as the "official" translation for State Department reporting purposes. Political officers said the bureau translation was more "accurate" and "clear" than other translations the political section had obtained.

Israeli-Egyptian relations also played a big role in the month's monitoring effort, with border demarcation teams continuing their surveying and the Israelis' withdrawing or destroying facilities they had installed in the Sinai region. The area is scheduled to be handed back to Egypt on 26 April. Several tourist and trade agreements were arranged during the month and Foreign Minister Shamir visited Egypt for 4 days beginning 22 February. The question of Egyptian President Mubarak's proposed visit to Israel, specifically as to whether he will visit Jerusalem, has been a prominent issue since Shamir's visit.

BAMAHANE, a weekly published by the Israeli Defense Forces, was added to the bureau's regular coverage on 11 February. It was decided to cover Bamahane after it was observed that other Israeli publications had begun to quote extensively from articles appearing in the weekly. Several articles were processed from the first two editions.

Because of the absence of Nicosia's Turkish press monitor, Tel Aviv Bureau's Turkish Section covered the Istanbul dailies CUMHURIYET and HURRIYET from late January through 17 February. A score of items were processed from the papers, which are received at Tel Aviv with a 5 to 15 day lag. The addition of the press plus heavier processing from Turkish voice and press media resulted in this month's Turkish total being the highest since the Turkish coup in September 1980.

B. Lateral Services

On 8 February the bureau videotaped BBC television's "Panorama" program carried by Jerusalem television. The program discussed alleged Israeli weapons sales to Iran and Israeli interest in fostering a coup there. The bureau arranged a special showing of the videotape for the ambassador and other key embassy officers.

During Philip Habib's visit to Israel on 28 February, the bureau supplied a special package of FBIS materials which were delivered to Habib's party by an embassy officer.

C. Technical

On 17 February the bureau received a new microwave oven which completed a modest updating of the bureau's kitchen facilities.

A specially designed cabinet has been installed in the cruising section to accommodate two 2-drawer filing cabinets and four teleprinters, one of which is a new Siemens printer for ITIM that is significantly quieter than its predecessor. The new arrangement frees some badly needed floorspace in the cruising/remote receiver patchpanel area.

Bureau technicians have completed work on installing the bureau's sixth monitorial position. This position is slated to be used by an Arabic-language monitor when that person joins the staff in the near future.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

The Director/FBIS approved a Quality Step Increase for Hebrew monitor [ ] on 25 February.

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Turkish monitor [ ] was promoted to FSN-9 on 7 February.

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Cruising Officer [ ] was promoted to GS-10 on 7 February.

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[redacted] has been selected as the new  
Hebrew monitor to replace [redacted] resigned. Mr.  
[redacted] will EOD on 7 March.

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Recruitment of an Arabic-language monitor was also  
completed during the month and a candidate is currently  
awaiting clearances to enter on duty.

### III. VISITS

London Bureau teletypist [redacted] arrived in Tel  
Aviv on TDY on 20 February. He is expected to return to  
London in early March.

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BBC Listening Room supervisor [redacted] arrived  
in Tel Aviv for an orientation tour on 28 February. He  
spent 2 days at the bureau and was given a thorough briefing  
on operations.

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Attachments: A. Production Report  
B. Communications Report

TEL AVIV BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982ATTACHMENT AI. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 351,500

TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH : 63,800

TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: 940

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
		<u>AGENCIES</u>	

II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	6,543 min.	10,590 min.	50 issues
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:  
(publishable words per month)

## CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	10,900
(Clandestine) Voice of Iranian Kordestan in Persian to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in English to Cyprus	400
(Clandestine) Bayrak Radio in Turkish to Cyprus	2,800
(Clandestine) Our Radio in Turkish to Turkey	2,300
(Clandestine) Voice of Turkish Communist Party in Turkish to Europe and Turkey	11,000

## ISRAEL

Jerusalem Domestic Service in English	13,800
Jerusalem Domestic Service in Hebrew	86,800
Jerusalem Domestic Television Service in Hebrew	20,800
Tel Aviv IDF Radio in Hebrew	16,000
Tel Aviv ITIM in Hebrew	3,400
Jerusalem GOVERNMENT PRESS OFFICE in English	

400

	<u>BROADCASTS</u>	<u>PRESS AGENCIES</u>	<u>PUBLICATIONS</u>
ISRAEL (cont'd)			
Jerusalem POST in			
English			29,700
Tel Aviv 'AL HAMISHMAR in			
Hebrew			9,500
Tel Aviv DAVAR in			
Hebrew			20,500
Tel Aviv HA'ARETZ in			
Hebrew			31,400
Tel Aviv HA'OLAM HAZE in			
Hebrew			100
Tel Aviv HATZOFE in			
Hebrew			4,000
Tel Aviv MA'ARIV in			
Hebrew			31,000
Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in			
Hebrew			17,600
Tel Aviv BEMAHANE in			
Hebrew			1,900
LEBANON			
Marj 'Uyun Lebanon Voice of Hope in			
English	300		
TURKEY			
Ankara Domestic Service in			
Turkish	18,600		
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
Turkish		1,000	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
English		8,700	
Ankara ANATOLIA in			
French		500	
		0	
Istanbul HURRIYET in			
Turkish			1,900
Istanbul CUMHURIYET in			
Turkish			3,600
UNITED KINGDOM			
London BBC World Service in			
English	800		
USSR			
Moscow in			
Dari to Afghanistan	0		
Moscov Radio Peace and Progress in			
Hebrew to Israel	1,800		

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TEL AVIV BUREAU MONTHLY COMMUNICATIONS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982      ATTACHMENT B

1.    TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS    351,500    (333,000)  
      TOTAL NONPUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED WAS 63,800    ( 63,700)  
      DAILY WORDAGE FILED AVERAGED                    14,832    ( 12,797)  
      HIGHEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS 30,040    ON 12 February  
      LOWEST DAILY WORDAGE FILED WAS    6,380    ON 20 February
  
2.    OUTAGES ON OUTGOING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0    HOURS, 0 PERCENT.  
      OUTAGES ON INCOMING SKYMUX CIRCUIT TOTALED 0    HOURS, 0 PERCENT.  
      EXTENDED OUTAGES:    0
  
3.    MESSAGES RECEIVED VIA THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY  
      TEL AVIV TOTALED 991    , OF WHICH 938    CARRIED THE BUREAU AS AN  
      ADDRESSEE.
  
4.    WORDS FILED VIA TELEX DURING OUTAGES OF THE SKYMUX CIRCUIT: 0                    (    0    )

NB. Figures from preceding month in parentheses.